## REMARKS

By the above amendment claim 30 is canceled. As a result, the sole remaining ground of rejection is rendered moot and all the pending claims are allowed and the application should be in condition for allowance. The amendments do not raise new issues or present new matter since they merely cancel the sole remaining rejected claim. The amendments have been made to direct the claims to the allowed subject matter. Accordingly, it is submitted that the requested amendments should be entered.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing and/or divisional applications directed to any subject matter disclosed in the application which has been canceled by any of the above amendments.

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. But the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any unresolved matters.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this

response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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